

### In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 4 with the following replacement paragraph.

-- For example, conventional desktop card printers often are used in conjunction with personal computers ~~desktop card printers~~, in order to control the printers and provide a convenient vehicle for users to enter the data that is to be written on the cards. Computers used in such a role sometimes are referred to as "host" machines. In order for a host and a desktop card printer to communicate, they must have some common language.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 20 with the following replacement paragraph.

-- In addition, conventional desktop card printers require much of the image handling work to be performed by the host computer. For example, if a photograph is provided to a conventional desktop printer, the host must instruct ~~instructed~~ the printer whether the image itself is color or black and white, which print ribbon(s) should be used if the printer has the capability to print in multiple modes, etc. A single printing may require many such decisions.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 17 with the following replacement paragraph.

-- The controller **14** controls the data output of the data writers **16**, and hence controls what data eventually is deposited on ~~or a the~~ card passing through the printer **10**. As noted above, the controller **14** is in communication with the external communication link **12**, so that data may in turn be provided to the controller **14**.--